Participatory Policymaking: Creating Responsive and Inclusive Service Systems

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Constituent Driven Process

Not to, not for, but WITH

Planning Model ~ Top Down

Board driven

Data-driven (data first)

Aspirational

Static

Limited relevance over time

Process:

Review of state, national plans, other guiding documents

Pre-determined outline/agenda

Limited, episodic stakeholder engagement

Formal public notice and comment

Publication

Participatory Model ~ Popular

Constituent driven
Supported by data and research
Action oriented

Organic
Continued relevance



Philosophy

Popular does not mean "easy" or "palatable."

Popular means it STARTS and ENDS WITH PEOPLE.

The ideas and objectives of constituents are prioritized to ensure policy is relevant, needed AND wanted.

The process must be ACTION ORIENTED.

Engaging constituents will create expectations for action and results from government.

Engaging constituents will create opportunities for personal action.

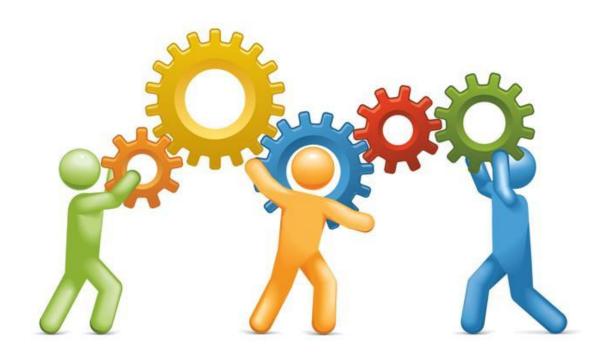
Process

NO PRE-DETERMINED OUTCOME

- 1. Objective review of system for policies, outcomes of past 5-10 years funding, programs, outcomes
- 2. Stakeholder driven system assessment must provide opportunities for broad and unexpected participation must not pre-establish boundaries on discussion
- 3. Identification of themes related to strengths, weaknesses address low hanging fruit while preparing for next phase ex: SB 23, Nalaxone bill
- 4. Stakeholder engagement
 listening sessions statewide
 go to stakeholders
 social media
 ongoing reports back, feedback loop
- 5. Media engagement promote process throughout with earned media as well as PSA/outreach

Process

- 6. Review of data, research related to themes identified
- Propose policy recommendations must be SMART and be action-oriented
- 8. Use feedback loop with stakeholders to further define recommendations recommendations must be practical and able to be implemented



Process

- 9. Draft of recommendations prepared by staff, review by task force members include population indicators and performance measures for evaluation of outcomes
- 10. Provide meaningful opportunity for public review, comment publicize beyond basic public notice provide multiple avenues for comment invite broad engagement
- 11. Discuss public comment, finalize recommendations in open, public meeting
- 12. Thank you notes to every person who commented
- 13. Final revisions
- 14. Publish with acknowledgements

Product

Recommendations that are:

- ✓ Alaskan
- √ Evidence-based and/or supported by data and research
- ✓ Concrete ways for the State and communities to reduce and prevent the harms of heroin and opioid abuse
- √ Measurable, to ensure effective implementation
- √ Supportive of stakeholder engagement



Questions, Comments?

Thank you

